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Classified By: Acting ECOPOL Chief Brian Quigley for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

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FINAL PREPARATIONS  
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11. (C) The Bolivian Armed Forces are in the final stages of preparing for the August 7 Armed Forces Day military-indigenous parade in Santa Cruz. Eighth Division Joint Chief of Staff Colonel Cueto told Post that the armed forces will only protect El Trompillo military airport, implying the national police are responsible for protecting anything outside of the military base. The Commander of the Santa Cruz departmental police told the press that "security is guaranteed for the Independence Day celebrations." Prefect Ruben Costas has announced he plans to attend the parade but will leave if "Santa Cruz' dignity is attacked." The Santa Cruz Civic Committee met until 1 a.m. on August 3 and agreed it will not participate in the parade as the committee considers it "an offense to Santa Cruz." End summary.

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COMMENT  
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12. (C) Embassy La Paz has issued a Warden Message recommending that American Citizens exercise caution and stay away from the parade sites. End Comment.  
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